

# Supplemental Charter of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts Manufactures and Commerce

*granted in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the 227th Session of the Society*

*ANNO DOMINI 1981 (incorporating amendments passed at General Meetings on 30th September 1987, 7th October 1998 and 1st October 2003, in each case subsequently allowed by The Queen in Council)*

**ELIZABETH** the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria by Royal Charter (hereinafter referred to as 'the original Charter') dated the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of 'The Society for the Encouragement of Arts Manufactures and Commerce' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society') with perpetual succession and a Common Seal:

And whereas the Society has by a humble Petition prayed that We should be graciously pleased to grant to it a Supplemental Charter:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that:

The Board of Trustees of the Society may by a resolution in that behalf passed at any meeting of such Board by not less than two-thirds of the Trustees present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole number of the Trustees entitled to vote at meetings thereof) and confirmed at a general meeting of members of the Society held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereat revoke, amend or add to the original Charter or this Our Supplemental Charter and any such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that the original Charter and this Our Supplemental Charter as the case may be shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. Provided that no such revocation, amendment or addition shall be made which shall cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law. This provision shall apply to the original Charter and this Our Supplemental Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the twenty-fifth day of February in the thirtieth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under The Queen's Sign Manual

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